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## **TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Position Title:** Field Veterinarian

**State Classification/Title/Salary Group:** 4129/ Veterinarian III/ B27

**Monthly Salary:** \$6363.00 – 7583.33/mo. (\$76,356 - \$91,000 / year) plus state benefits  
(Salary Commensurate with Experience)

**Position Location:** Cameron/Willacy/Hidalgo Counties - Exact designated headquarters to be determined upon hire

**NOTE:** Work assignments may involve periodic travel to other areas of the state as assigned by the Region Director

**Job Posting #:** 15-31

**FLSA Status:** Exempt

**Opening Date:** August 10, 2015

**Closing Date:** Until Filled

### **General Description:**

The Field Veterinarian reports to the Assistant Executive Director until a Region 8 Director is selected. The Field Veterinarian is responsible for administering all animal health programs in the counties assigned by the manager. Coordinates and oversees the work of Animal Health Inspectors in disease program activities; assists in management duties and in supervising area operations at the Los Fresnos tick office and other areas as assigned.

### **Essential Job Functions:**

- Coordinates, oversees, and provides input on the performance evaluations of Inspectors engaged in conducting testing and other animal health program activities.
- Makes contact with herd/flock owners within prescribed timeframes.
- Determines the extent of index herd/flock and/or adjacent herd or flock testing that is indicated.
- Completes herd/flock management documents and works with owners to gain agreement on plans.
- Provides procedural assistance and training to inspectors for collecting and submitting test samples for all program diseases and pests.
- Delivers group presentations on the agency's animal health programs, and maintains a positive presence in the local animal agriculture community.
- Performs emergency management response and other emergency management-related activities on behalf of the agency.
- Designs herd/flock plans that are specific and in accordance with policy.
- Assigns appropriate herd/flock follow-up tasks to supporting Inspectors.
- Interprets test results.
- Completes epidemiological investigations within prescribed timeframes.
- Checks information for accuracy and completeness, including epi reports, test charts, lab reports, etc.

- Continuously re-evaluates affected herds/flocks to assure that proper disease management practices are employed.
- Performs Foreign Animal Disease (FAD) response activities.
- Acts as the public liaison with industry groups.
- Submits routine reports in compliance with policy; completes special reports as directed.
- Performs special project assignments.
- Performs related work as assigned.

### **Minimum Qualifications:**

#### **Education and Experience:**

- Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from an accredited college or university; Texas veterinary license, or eligibility for Texas license, required.
- Large animal experience helpful.
- Bilingual (Spanish) preferred.
- Must become certified as a Foreign Animal Disease Diagnostician (FADD) within the first year of employment (provided the required class is available within that year.)

**Other:** Ability to be “on call;” travel extensively within Texas and occasionally outside Texas; and, to work occasional overtime and non-standard work hours. Travel by personal vehicle is reimbursed at the rate set by agency officials.

#### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

Strong skills required in both oral and written communication. Ability to plan and direct program activities and to coordinate and oversee the work of Inspectors. Ability to work in all types of environmental conditions. Knowledge of agency programs and regulations. Skilled in establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with other veterinarians, livestock owners, and others in promoting disease control programs. Bilingual (English/Spanish) communication skills helpful.

**IMPORTANT: *The TAHC is an emergency response agency.*** This position is subject to participate in rotating duty assignments away from its regular headquarters for up to two weeks at a time. This duty may involve working in adverse conditions; may require irregular working hours and overtime; and may include duties other than those specified in the standard position description.

**Other:** Must have valid Texas driver's license and safe driving record. Employment of the selected candidate is contingent upon the receipt of an acceptable Moving Violation Record (MVR) from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Completed and signed State of Texas Application for Employment must be received by the closing date, unless the position is posted “until filled.” ***For internal applicants, resumes will be accepted.*** Application forms and instructions are available on our web site at [www.tahc.texas.gov](http://www.tahc.texas.gov), or the web site of the Texas Workforce Commission at [www.twc.state.tx.us](http://www.twc.state.tx.us). Submit fully completed and signed applications to TAHC Human Resources, P.O. Box 12966, Austin, TX 78711-2966 (2105 Kramer Lane, Austin) or email to [human.resources@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:human.resources@tahc.texas.gov). Phone **800-550-8242, ext.702 or 512-719-0702. Only interviewed applicants will receive notice of the final disposition of the selection process.**

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